

DTTP in Connecticut: Another Weapon in the War Against Drugs

HARTFORD, CT - While international conflicts have dominated national headlines, a different kind of battle has been taking place here at home - a war against drugs. The U.S. Department of Justice's National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) is at the forefront of this conflict, providing strategic domestic drug intelligence to national policy-makers, decision-makers, and others in the Intelligence Community. During the week of Nov. 17, 2003, the National Guard Distributive Training Technology Project (DTTP) will help NDIC reach law-enforcement personnel in Connecticut to support counter-drug efforts there.

Connecticut's proximity to New York City and its well-developed transportation infrastructure make it ideally suited for the movement of illicit drugs. To help the state counter the threats these activities pose, NDIC will use DTTP resources in Hartford, CT, to deliver a one-week entry-level drug-intelligence-analysis course to Federal, state, and local law-enforcement personnel (including active duty military and National Guard members) who wish to increase their intelligence-analysis skills.

The multiagency course is a cooperative effort by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the National Guard Bureau, the U.S. Customs Service, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and NDIC, which provides funding and coordination. The course presents an overview of counterdrug intelligence analysis, introduces students to basic analytical tools and techniques, and allows them to apply newly acquired skills to a "real world" scenario.

The Nov. 17-21 session will involve a multipoint video-teleconference (VTC) connecting five sites across the country, giving participants the opportunity to network and collaborate with intelligence and law-enforcement officers in other states and regions. Facilitators will be available at each site to assist students with course materials, questions, practical exercises, and the communications technology itself. Like other content offered through DTTP, the NDIC course provides an effective, economical alternative to traditional classroom training.

NDIC will deliver the course via VTC to various cities throughout the country during the next three years. For additional information or to register for an upcoming session, please call the NDIC Registrar at (814) 532-4608 or email ndic.training@usdoj.gov. For more information about DTTP, visit our website at <http://www.dttp.ngb.army.mil/>, or contact DTTP Business Operations at dttp@busops.ngbcio.ngb.army.mil.

